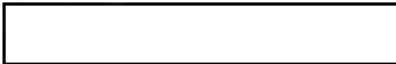STAT

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        I am bewildered and naturally not a little angry about the can-
cellation, and wish to point out that this is just another instance of
the kind which makes professional people unwilling to work for government
agencies. I believe my special knowledge of the Far East should be used
by our government, but treatment of this sort, which from my point of
view can only appear capricious, is discouraging, to say the least.

        I think you should know that I rejected two other offers to accept
this position; that a certain amount of pressure was placed upon me from
several quarters to accept this important job; that my research salary
here has already been committed to other persons, resulting in serious
financial embarrassment; and that I had spent one solid month in detailed
preparation for the assignment, neglecting my proper research duties.
One cannot help but feel that some compensation is due us for this ex-
tensive preparation.
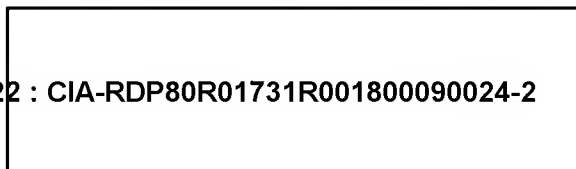
        I do not doubt that serious internal needs and pressures dictated
the decision. As an   I
am familiar with this sort of problem. However, I would like to point
out that once when I found myself in a position similar to you and your
Agency's, I brought the person in question to the office anyway, and
was able to use his services in other ways. Surely your program on the
Far East is broad enough to be able to use people with specialized
knowledge and methodological tools in more ways than one.

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        I want to restate my desire to be of service to the government,
but I think that one has a right to expect somewhat more security and con-
sistency of treatment. I hope that this embarrassing incident will not
be the end of my relations with your agency. I would appreciate a letter
of fuller explanation.

        Luckily your wire stopped me from mailing the last two packages.
Only one has been sent. Please return this. Thank you.

                        Very truly yours,

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